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## **BLACK MESA FIRE**

TUCSON, AZ (May 4, 2006, 12:30 p.m.) The Black Mesa Fire, reported yesterday morning at 7:30, was declared contained as of 7:50 p.m. Wednesday evening. The fire, which was burning on National Forest land 7 miles south of Arivaca, Arizona, consumed approximately 225 acres of grass, shrubs and mesquite trees.

The Carson Hot Shot Interagency crew and the Northwest Fire crew are conducting mop up operations, and the site will be monitored until the fire is considered controlled. All other resources have been released.

The Black Mesa Fire was started by two illegal immigrants setting a 'warming fire' and a second fire to attract help for an injured person.

A Fire Weather Watch has been declared for all counties in southern Arizona, from noon until 7:p.m. tonight.

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